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In re Application of  
Yoshinori et al.  
Application No. 10/634,016  
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Patent No. 6,814,451  
Issued: November 9, 2004  
Attorney Docket No. 23348

**OFFICE OF PETITIONS**

**DECISION ON PETITION**

This is a decision on the request under 37 CFR 3.81(b)<sup>1</sup>, filed July 29, 2009, to correct the name of the assignee on the front page of the above-identified patent by way of a Certificate of Correction.

The request is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner indicates that the correct assignees are Nippon Oil Corporation and Kabushiki Kaisha Honda Lock. Accordingly, petitioner requests that a certificate of correction be issued to reflect the correct assignees on the front page of the Letters Patent.

37 CFR 3.81(b), effective June 25, 2004, reads:

*After payment of the issue fee:* Any request for issuance of an application in the name of the assignee submitted after the date of payment of the issue fee, and any request for a patent to be corrected to state the name of the assignee, must state that the assignment was submitted for recordation as set forth in § 3.11 before issuance of the patent, and must include a request for a certificate of correction under § 1.323 of this chapter (accompanied by the fee set forth in § 1.20(a) and the processing fee set forth in § 1.17(i) of this chapter.

A certificate of correction (and fee) and the processing fee set forth in § 1.17(i) were submitted, as required by 3.81(b). Further, Office assignment records reflect that Nippon Oil Corporation and Kabushiki Kaisha Honda Lock are the assignees of record, which assignments were submitted for recordation as set forth in § 3.11 before issuance of the patent. Accordingly, as the

<sup>1</sup> See MPEP 1309, subsection II; and Official Gazette of June 22, 2004.

request complies with the provisions of 37 CFR 3.81(b), it would be appropriate for a certificate of correction to be processed after issuance of this application into a patent.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Christopher Bottorff at (571) 272-6692. Inquiries regarding the issuance of a certificate of correction should be directed to the Certificate of Correction Branch at (571) 272-4200.

The Certificates of Correction Branch will be notified of this decision granting the petition under 37 CFR 3.81(b) and directing issuance of the requested Certificate of Correction.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Bottorff", is positioned above the printed name.

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